

6 adding a latex reagent directly to the hemolysed whole blood sample to react the  
7 hemolysed sample in an agglutination reaction to form a reaction product wherein a  
8 predetermined antigen in the hemolysed whole blood sample specifically reacts with an antibody  
9 immobilized onto an insoluble carrier to provide the reaction product;

0 irradiating the reaction product in the sample with radiation which includes a  
1 wavelength range which is substantially free from absorption by both hemoglobin and the  
2 hemolysis reagent; and

3 measuring only in the wavelength range which is substantially free from  
4 absorption by both hemoglobin and the hemolysis reagent, an absorbance of the incident  
5 radiation by the reaction product to determine the quantity of antigens in the sample.

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